The Mayor resumed the chair, which had been occupied by Ald. Pritchard.

Col. Walker was present to report on behalf of the Deputation appointed to Ottawa to act in reference to the G. W. R. Bill.

Ald. Minhinnick moved, seconded by Ald. Hiscox, that the deferred report of the Salaries Committee be taken up.

Several members thought that the deputation should be heard first.

Lieutenant-Colonel Walker said that he was in no hurry.

The motion to take up the report of the Salaries Committee was carried.

The Council then took up the following deferred report of the salaries' committee, which recommends that the salaries for the present year, be as follows: City Clerk, $1,200; Treasurer, $1,100; Weigh Clerk, $800; Street Commissioner, $700; Relief Officer, $500; Clerk of Wood Market, $350; Janitor of City Hall, $440; Assessors, each, $500; Auditors, each, $100; Chief of Fire Department, $800; Engineer, $600; Assistant Engineer, $175; Driver, $365; 16 Firemen, $125, $2,000; Janitor, Firemen's Hall, $300; Expenses of Mayor's Office, $600; City Engineer, $800.

On motion, the report was taken up clause by clause.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Hiscox, that the salary of the city clerk be reduced to $1,100, the same as that of the Chamberlain.

The amendment was lost on the following division:

Yeas—Pritchard, Sutherland, Thompson, Skinner, Jones, Ross, Minhinnick, Brown, Rapley, Christie, Williams, Lewis, McColl, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr.

Nays—Campbell, Fitzgerald, Murray, Hiscox, Henderson.

On the item of the street commissioner, Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Henderson, that the clause providing for the street commissioner's salary be struck out. Lost.

Ald. Campbell moved that the salary of the Relief Officer be $400, Ald. Hiscox seconded. Lost.

Clause passed.

Ald. Jones moved, seconded by Ald. Pritchard, that the Wood Market Clerk's salary be increased $50. Lost.

Ald Campbell moved in amendment to the report, that the assessor's salary be $400 each instead of $500.

On motion the 4th rule of order was suspended.

Ald. Sutherland said that it was the intention of the Assessors to render a bill to the School Board for extra services. He would vote for the report on the distinct understanding that they were not to make that charge.

Ald. Sutherland—For the return of all children of school age who do not attend school.

Ald. Lewis—Last year $60 or $80 was paid to a clerk for copying the rolls. This year the Assessors will have to do that work themselves.

Ald. Minhinnick—I vote on the clause, with the understanding that their salary includes everything pertaining to the Assessors' office.

Amendment lost. Clause passed.

Ald. Murray said that there was a mistake in the report in reference to Mr. Harvey's salary. It was understood in committee that it should be $175.

The addition of $25 was made, and the item passed.

The salary of the City Engineer having been omitted, on motion of Ald. Christie $800 was inserted, and the clause passed.

Ald. Campbell moved in amendment to the report that the salary of the street commissioner be $400. Ruled out of order.

The clock now pointed to 11.40.

Moved by Ald. Lewis, seconded by Ald. Fitzgerald, that the Council adjourn subject to the call of the Mayor. Carried.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 3rd April, 1876.

The Council met this evening at the usual hour. Present: His Worship the Mayor in the chair, and Aldermen Pritchard, Campbell, Fitzgerald, Thompson, Sutherland, Murray, Skinner, Hiscox, Ross, Henderson, Brown, Rapley, Christie, Lewis, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr., Jones, Williams, McPhail, McColl, Minhinnick.

The minutes of last meeting were read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

The following communications were received:

From A. B. Powell, asking that the current expenses of the City Hall for recent meeting be remitted to the London Temperance Union.

The communication was referred to the Finance Committee.

From John Harris, asking that his assessment for income tax be remitted. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From A. Loughrey and others, in opposition to watering Carling street. Referred to the Committee of Fire, Water and Gas.

From S. H. Graydon, and other residents of Duke street, asking that said street be made of uniform width. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Thomas Lawson, and other residents of William street, No. 5 Ward, asking that a house of ill-fame on said street be removed—the house owned by Mr. Norris, and occupied by Mrs. Smith and the Ley family. Referred to the Chief of Police.

From John Birrell & Co. and others in favor of watering Carling street. Referred to the Committee of Fire, Water and Gas.

From James Keown, asking that a special license be granted to the Grand Trunk 'bus at the same price as charged for cabs. Referred to the License Committee.

The Mayor said that the members of the deputation appointed to proceed to Ottawa were in the ante-room.

On motion, it was decided to hear the deputation.

Mr. W. R. Meredith first addressed the council, and said that the Hon. John Carling, the Mayor, Col. Walker, and himself had, as requested, proceeded to Ottawa to protest against the passage of the Great Western Railway Bill before the Dominion House. The deputation met Mr. Childers at Toronto, he being on his way to Ottawa. After discussing the matter, Mr. Childers promised that if they would withdraw opposition to the bill, that the company would consent to carry cordwood at $5 per car for dry wood, and $6 per car for green wood. At Ottawa Mr. Childers reduced these rates to $4.50 and $5.50 per car. Mr. Carling and the Mayor went on to Ottawa, and Col. Walker and the speaker interviewed Mr. Crooks at Toronto. In reference to the bonus on the 4½ miles between Hyde Park and London, the Premier said that as it was an existing line, he could not see his way clear at present to grant this bonus. He (Mr. Meredith) thought that the city ought to have had more, but the best terms had been made that could be secured under the circumstances. He thought, however, that when the G. W. Railway obtained its Act of amalgamation, charter rates would prevail along the entire line. Mr. Meredith then read the following agreement:

Ottawa, March 14, 1876.

Mr. Childers' undertakes that the rates for cordwood upon the London, Huron & Bruce Railway to Hyde Park, and thence over the Great Western Railway to London, shall, until an amalgamation with the Great Western Railway Company takes place, be the rates mentioned in the thirty-fourth section of the L. H. & B.

Railway act of incorporation, but with a minimum rate of four dollars and fifty cents per car load of not more than six cords of dry wood, and of five dollars and fifty cents per car load, of not more than ten tons of green wood, such minimum rates to be reduced to the rates mentioned in the thirty-fourth section, upon such amalgamation taking place, or when the rate of bonus paid, and to be paid per mile by the Ontario Government, over the London, Huron & Bruce Railway is extended and paid to the G. W. R. Company for the four and a half miles to London, or otherwise paid to them, or as they may request. And this undertaking is upon the condition that the deputation representing the City of London, undertake to do their utmost to obtain such bonus.

HUGH E. CHILDERS,
President Great Western Railway.
Ottawa, March 14, 1876.

The deputation from the City of London acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Childers' memorandum of this date as to the cordwood rates upon the London, Huron and Bruce Railway, and upon the Great Western Railway, between Hyde Park and London, and to a bonus for that portion (4½ miles) of the Great Western Railway, and say that the terms of the memorandum are as satisfactory a compromise as under the circumstances can be arrived at, and are accepted, and they undertake to do their utmost to procure the payment of the bonus mentioned.

D. C. MACDONALD, Mayor.
JOHN WALKER.
JOHN CARLING.
W. R. MEREDITH.

Col. Walker also addressed the council and said that when the amalgamation was obtained that charter rates would prevail. The concession secured, however, was an important one, and he was told, sufficient for the wood traffic. It was quite different to the circular issued by the G. W. R. freight agent. Col. Walker also reported in behalf of the park deputation. He said that he, in company with the Mayor, had an interview with the Premier and the Minister of Militia, at Ottawa. They told the Department that it would be much better to erect the ordnance buildings on the north-east corner of the Park, as it would cause a large amount of money to be expended in the city. The deputation pressed upon the notice of the Government that if the buildings were erected in Salter's Grove the stores would be away from the surveillance of the city police, and from the protection of the fire brigade. The deputation proposed to the Government to give Salter's Grove back to the city, and the city would grant the Government the north-east block of the Park. It was not thought necessary that the deputation should specify the clause binding the City Council to erect the offices for the staff on North street should be expunged, and hence when the new order-in-council was passed, this clause of the order-in-council passed in 1873 by the late Government was inserted. It had been said that Col. Moffat and Col. Taylor had procured the insertion of this objectionable clause. This, he believed, was not the case, but since the order-in-council had been passed Col. Moffat had been sent to Ottawa to "block" the city in this matter. He did not think that they would succeed. In conversation with Col. Moffat, he stated to the speaker that he could not wade through snow in winter, and endure the heat in summer, to get to his office. All the members of the staff did not object to the site. Major Leys and Captain Starr had no objection. He (the speaker) thought that was a permanent arrangement, and that the present officials were not immortal—in fact, their offices might cease before they were made immortal. Col. Walker bore testimony to the energy and efficiency displayed by the Mayor in attending to the matter while at Ottawa.

The Mayor also reported, and said that the deputation when at Ottawa did not dream that any opposition would be made to this agreement. It was quite evident that there was some hidden influence at work, preventing the settlement of this park land question, and it was well known that it was caused by some members of the militia staff. Cols. Moffat and Taylor want to have the offices located on Horton street, which would cause an increased expenditure to the city. The first named gentleman complained that he could not tramp through the snow-drifts in winter, and during the heat of summer. Col. Moffat, some time ago,

was in favor of the present arrangement, and spoke in support of it. The site proposed would be nearer the telegraph and post offices than the Horton street lot. The buildings would be all together, and the whole scheme would be an improvement on anything that had yet been proposed. One thing the Council and citizens should bear in mind was that this Government, and he did not think any Government would give permission to sell any part of these lands, but the city could sell the Salter's Grove property and use the purchase money in the erection of the proposed buildings. The Government would, however, consent that the old artillery barrack block, six acres, should be given for a Normal School site. He considered that the whole arrangement was the best that could be made.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Ross, that this Council approve of the proposition made by the Dominion authorities to the deputation from this Council to exchange for the Salter Grove property the north-east block of the Ordnance Lands, and that the Government be urged to consent to the placing all the buildings to be erected by this Council, for militia purposes, on the said north-east block.

The motion of Alderman Campbell was then put and carried; 17 voting in its favour.

On motion, a vote of thanks was passed to the Deputation for their valuable services at Ottawa, in reference to the cordwood clause and the park.

Mr. Meredith, M. P. P., Col. Walker, Hon. Mr. Carling, and the Mayor, acknowledged the compliment.

Ald. Fitzgerald stated that he had been requested to bring the matter of finance before the Council. The Dominion Savings Society held two debentures of the city for $15 700. In order to dispose of them to better advantage, they asked to have those cancelled and debentures for the same amount of a smaller denomination issued.

After some further explanation,

Ald. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the by-law for the exchange of debentures be passed.

The City Solicitor said he had drawn the by-law.

The by-law was then read three times and passed.

On motion of Ald. Campbell, His Worship the Mayor and Ald. Lewis, Chairman of the Finance Committee, were appointed to see that the old debentures should be properly cancelled, and new debentures issued.

Ald Williams submitted the following report of the Fire, Water and Gas Committee:

Your Committee recommend that the tender of Proctor & Bryan for watering streets and filling tanks for 1876-7, for the sum of $1,960 be accepted.

The undermentioned accounts are recommended for payment for the Fire Department:—

Cordwood	$ 4 00
Hay, one load	11 34
Mitchell's account	8 18
Pay-sheet, quarter ending Mar 31	722 66
	$746 18

Your Committee report that the water tanks have been examined by the Chief of the Fire Department, who certifies that the contractor, Mr. Harvey, has filled them according to specification.

The report was committed, Ald. Lewis in the chair.

Moved by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Fitzgerald, that the tender of Messrs. Bryan & Proctor, for watering the streets and filling tanks for the year ending April 1st, 1877, be accepted, and that the tender of Messrs. Harvey, for watering the Market Square, be accepted, it being $50 lower than that recommended in the report.

Ald. Hiscox moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Thompson that the clause be referred back to the committee. Lost.

Clause passed without amendment.

Second clause read and passed.

Third clause read and passed.

The Committee rose and the Council resumed.

Ald. Lewis moved, seconded by Ald. Christie, that the report be adopted. Carried—13 to 6.

Ald. Partridge jr submitted the report of the Exhibition Committee. It recommended that the applications of John Hughes and Tecumseh Base Ball Club, for the use of the Exhibition Grounds on the 24th of May be granted.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

Ald. McPhail submitted the following reports of the Board of Works :

Your Board beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the claims of Wm. Evans and H. Depper, and referred the matter for the opinion of the City Solicitor.

The petition of General Renwick and others, for a sidewalk on Oxford street, is deferred for future action.

On motion, the report was received, and the 4th rule of order was suspended.

Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that the Board of Works be authorized to advertise for tenders for cleaning the streets, and that the scrapings be removed to any place designated by the Street Commissioner. Lost.

Ald. Christie moved, seconded by Ald. Ross, in amendment, that the Board of Works be authorized to have the work done in whatever way they may deem the best. Carried—twelve voting in its favor.

Ald. Brown moved, seconded by Ald. Ross, that the report be amended by adding that the petition of the pastor of the Primitive Methodist Church be granted, and that a crossing be constructed opposite said church, cost not to exceed $15.

Ald. Campbell moved in amendment seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the matter be referred to the Board of Works, with power.

Ald. Brown's amendment was carried, 9 for, 8 against.

On motion, the report was adopted as amended.

Ald. Ross gave notice that in accordance with a petition presented, he would move at the next meeting of the Council that the name of North street be changed to that of "Queen's avenue."

Ald. Minhinnick moved that 2,500 copies of the detailed financial statement be published in pamphlet form. He said the citizens were not satisfied with the limited information published.

Ald. Campbell seconded the resolution.

Ald. Lewis said that it was the intention to adopt this plan next year.

The Council adjourned for want of a quorum.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 10th April, 1876.

The Council met in the Council Chamber this evening at the usual hour. Present, the Mayor, and Aldermen Campbell, Fitzgerald, Pritchard, McPhail, Skinner, Ross, Henderson, Minhinnick, Rapley, Christie, Williams, Lewis, Partridge, sr., Sutherland, Murray, Thompson, McColl, Jones, Hiscox, Brown.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

The following communications were received:

From Ven. Dean Boomer, asking that a sidewalk be laid down on College street.

Referred to Board of Works.

From A. E. Pavey, asking that his income tax be refunded.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

From J. W. Jones and others, asking that a plank sidewalk be laid on south side of Great Market street, from Colborne to Palace.

Referred to Board of Works.

From Wm. McDonough and others, asking for the construction of a sewer on Clarence street, from Dundas to King.

Referred to Board of Works.

From Messrs. Robinson, Little & Co., asking that a crossing be laid down across Richmond street, opposite their warehouse.

Referred to the Board of Works, with power.

From the London Street Railway as follows :

London, April 10.

To the Mayor and Corporation of the City of London

On behalf of the London Street Railway Company I beg to submit the following proposition :

That if the City Corporation will furnish the necessary material for the purpose, the Street Railway Company will pave with cobble stone the switches and curves of their track, and the outside of the track to the width of not less than 18 inches on both sides of such, other portions of the track as the Council see fit to sanction.

If Kingston stone could be obtained for the intersection of Richmond and Dundas streets it would be much the best.

All which is humbly submitted.

V. Cronyn,
President L. S. Ry. Co.

Referred to the Board of Works.

From W. T. Freeland, for the free use of the City Hall, on the 17th instant, for a News Boys' Dinner. Granted.

From City Gas Company, as follows : 210 lamps, $1,155.00; allowance for repairs, 12½ cents per lamp, $26.25; lighting City Hall, $215.30; lighting Engine House, $37.40; lighting Market, $25.30; lighting Police Station, $19.20; sundries per McBride, $58.70; McBride for lamps, $25.25. Total, $1.562.40.

Referred to Fire Water and Gas Committee.

From Reid & Anderson, stationary $39.16.

Referred to Finance and Printing Committees.

From J. Cameron & Co., printing, $23.43.

Referred to Printing and Finance Committee.

Ald. Lewis submitted the following report of the Finance Committee:

Your committee have to report the following accounts as correct, and recommend payment of same: Pay sheet for city officials, $2,402.50; police station sundries, $18.80; relief to poor, $65.40; fire department salaries, $746.18; City Hall expenses, wood, etc., $63.49; incidental expenses, $267.54; Hospital account, $712.55; M. D. Dawson & Co.,

printing account, $111.10. Total, $4, 387.56.

The report was taken up *seriatim*, and adopted without amendment.

Ald. Brown submitted the following report of the Hospital and Relief Committee, also house surgeon's report, and statement of current expenses: The worthy alderman's reading of resident surgeon's report elicited peals of laughter.

Quarterly report of the medical and surgical work done in the London General Hospital for the quarter ending March 31st, 1876: The number admitted and discharged are not given, as they are fully given in the Steward's report. The diseases or injuries for which patients were admitted into the hospital during the past quarter are the following: Abscess, 1; syphilis, 7; apoplexy, 1; ecrema, 1; frost bite, 2; cancer, 1; gonorrhœa, 2; necrosis, 1; delirium tremens, 4; scald, 1; ocorrhœa, 1; lensoma, 1; heart disease, 2; wounds 1; neuralgia, 1; varicose veins; incontinence of urine, 2; morbus coxamis, 1; granular eyelids, 1; fractures, 5; hydrocele, 1; typhoid fever, 1; dislocations, 1; rheumatism, 1; paraplegia, 1; nervous debility 1; locomotor ataxia, 1; strangulated hernia, 1; extravasation urine, 1; hemsplegia, 3; bronchitis, 3; phthisis, 4. Two major operations were performed, one for strangulated femoral hernia, and one for necrosis. Two patients received homœopathic treatment during the quarter. Fifteen patients, including one case of midwifery, received attendance, advice and medicine as out-door patients. Seven visits were made and advice and medicine given to pauper patients outside the hospital, as they were too ill to attend. Each of the patients referred to had written orders from different aldermen to receive attendance. The attendance of the visiting physicians, Drs. Brown and Niven, was punctual and regular.

ROBERT KAINS, M.D.,
Resident Surgeon.

LONDON, April 10, 1876.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the following accounts, having examined the same and found them correct, recommend that they be referred to the Finance Committee for payment, amounting to ($712.55) as follows: Archd. Campbell, straw, $5.20; cab hire, for relief, Mrs. Caffry, $1.50; M. Knowlton, lumber, $17.20; David Hughes, relief keeping child, $13; T. & E. O'Callaghan, groceries, $96 98; T. & E. O'Callaghan, vegetables, $10.28; Mrs. Woodward, milk, $16; J. B. Smyth, bread, $32.39; servant's wages, $48; A. B. Powell & Co., goods, $90 38; Jas. Cowan, goods, $9.85; cab hire, the Steward, 75c.; Saml. Stewart, goods. $49.44; Wm. H. Winnett, lumber, $16.30; Cryer & Co., work, $10.55; Bowman & Co., coal, $113.26; Mr. Saunders, for medicine, $21.74; Mr. Trebilcock, meat, $59.98; B. Jarman, interments, hospital, $48; B. Jarman, interments, city, $49.50; Dr. Kaines, postage, hospital, $1.50; cab hire, relief, Mrs. Caffray, 75c. Total, $712.55.

Your committee having received a request from the Hospital Steward for an appropriation of money for the purpose of procuring some shade trees for front of Hospital Buildings would recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated for that purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS BROWNE,
Chairmrn Hospital and Relief Committee.

City Hospital, London, March 31st, 1876.

Number of patients remaining in the London General Hospital on the evening of the 31st day of December, 1875, 32—chargeable as follows: To the city of London, 24; to the County of Middlesex, 3; pensioners, 3; private patients, 1; paying half-fare, 1.—32. Admitted during the quarter: Self-paying, 3; County Middlesex, 5; West Wawanosh Township, 1; Tuckersmith, Township, 1; pensioners, 1; City of London, including 3 births, 38.—49. Total number under treatment during the quarter, 81. Discharged during the same period: Cured and improved city patients, 33; do. do., County Middlesex, 3; do. do., private patients, 4; do. do, pensioners, 2; do., Township Tuckersmith, 1. Died: City of London patients, 5; County of Middlesex, 1; paying half-fare, 1; remaining chargeable to the city, 24; do. do., County Middlesex, 4; pensioners, 2; West Wawanosh, 1; paying patients, none.—81. General expenses of the London Hospital during first quarter ending March 31st, 1876: Groceries and liquors, $300.09; bread, $96.02; dry goods and clothing, $103.33; butchers meat, $182.74; milk, $39.36; medicine and surgical instruments, $227.64;

oil lamps and tin ware, $24.59; servants salaries, $136; potatoes and vegetables, $30.63; sawing wood, $4.80; coal, $276.26; hardware, $17.01; plumbers work, $10.55; interments and graves, $48; paper blinds, $1.75; repairing pump, $3; lumber for sidewalks, $33.50; cab hire, $7.25; straw for bedding, $5.20; P. O. box, $1.50; driving shed, $25. Total—$1,574.22.

Receipts of hospital during quarter ending March 31, 1876: From Mrs. Joyce, 3 months, half paying patient, $18; Mr. John Wells, 14 days, at 50c., $7; Mr. R. Caudell, 11 days, at 50c., $5.50; Mr. A. Woodard, 4 days, at 50c., $2; Mr. John McIntosh, 40 days, at 50c., $20; Mr. Hugh Sully, pensioner, $10; from the estate of the late John Linney, who died in hospital, $42 94; from the estate of the late John Layden, who died in hospital, $4.37—total, $109.83. The above has been carefully audited by Chairman of hospital, and paid in by me to city Treasurer.

STEPHEN GRANT, Steward.

March 31, 1876.

Due from pensioners not yet collected, viz.: Mr. E. Hilliard, pension for quarter, $20; Mr. J. McArthur, pension for 45 days, $6; Mr. Dan. O'Sullivan, pension for 65 days, $15—total, $41. Out of seven deaths which occurred in hospital during quarter, one was buried independent of the city by friends. S. GRANT.

Ald. Skinner moved, seconded by Ald. Hiscox, that the report be received and adopted. Carried.

Ald. Jones submitted the following report:

We, your License Committee, beg leave to report as follows:

1st. That the petition of James Keown, asking a reduction of 'bus license, be not granted.

2nd. That the petition of James Legg, asking a reduction of 'bus license, be not granted.

Ald. Rapley moved, seconded by Ald. Pritchard that the 'bus license be $10.

Only Aldermen Rapley and Pritchard voted for the amendment, and the report was adopted.

Ald. Christie moved, seconded by Ald. Minhinnick, that the sum of $20 be placed at the disposal of the Park Committee, to replace the dead trees around the park. Carried.

Ald. Minhinnick moved that 2,500 copies of the receipts and expenditures of the city be printed in detail in pamphlet form.

Ald. Campbell seconded the resolution.

Ald. Ross moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Hiscox, that the matter of printing the receipts and disbursements be referred to the Printing Committee.

Withdrawn.

Ald. Minhinnick amended his resolution, so as to read "that the financial statement for this year be printed semi-annually in detail."

The resolution of Ald. Minhinnick was carried; 10 for, 8 against.

On motion of Ald. Christie, Mr. S. Peters was heard in reference to the construction of a sewer in Clarence street.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the matter be referred to the Board of Works, with instructions to get the estimate of cost and report to this Council at its next meeting.

Carried.

Ald. Ross moved, seconded by

that the name of North street be changed to "Queen's Avenue," in compliance with petition presented by W. S. Smith, Esq., and others to this Council.

Ald. Christie asked that the matter be delayed for one week.

Ald. Ross postponed his resolution for one week.

Ald Minhinnick gives notice that he will move on the next meeting of the Council, that a by-law be prepared prohibiting persons from posting bills, or painting advertisements on fences, trees, tree-guards, telegraph poles, hitching posts, or lamp posts, within the city limits.

On motion the Council adjourned at 10 o'clock.

City Council Proceedings.

City Clerk's Office, 17th April, 1876.

The Council met this evening, in the City Clerk's Office, at half-past seven o'clock. Present, His Worship the Mayor in the chair, and Aldermen Pritchard, Campbell, Fitzgerald, McPhail, Skinner, Hiscox, Rapley, Browne, Minhinnick, Christie, Lewis, Partridge, sr., McColl, Murray and Thompson.

The Mayor stated that he had called the Board together to take action in reference to the death of the late Thomas Scatcherd, Esq., who for many years had held the responsible position of solicitor to the Board. It would now devolve on the Board to take such action as they might deem proper:

Ald. Campbell then arose and moved: "That this Council, having heard with feelings of extreme regret of the death of Thomas Scatcherd, Esq., M. P., which occurred while attending to his Parliamentary duties in Ottawa; be it therefore Resolved—That we hereby express our deep sorrow at his sudden and unexpected removal, and our high appreciation of his long and valuable services as City Solicitor and legal adviser, as well as our heartfelt sympathy for his bereaved widow and family in their affliction; and that as a tribute of respect to his memory we do now adjourn to meet here at 2.30 p. m. to-morrow as a corporation, and attend the funeral of our deceased friend at the appointed hour, and that a copy of this resolution be engrossed and sent to his family."

Ald. Campbell in supporting the resolution paid a fitting tribute to the deceased. He said that the announcement of the death of Mr. Scatcherd cast a gloom over the city. All realized the fact that a good citizen had been removed from amongst them. As a Canadian Mr. Scatcherd was an honor to his country, and in his professional capacity all felt when they were consulting him that they were asking the advice of an honest man. He knew that his death had caused a feeling of unfeigned regret among all classes of the community.

Ald. Fitzgerald seconded the resolution, which was passed unanimously.

After making all arrangements to attend the funeral, the Council adjourned.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 27th April, 1876.

The Council met this evening in the Council Chamber. Present—His Worship the Mayor in the chair, and Aldermen Pritchard, Sutherland, Thompson, Murray, Jones, Ross, Henderson, Minhinnick, Brown, Rapley, Christie, Lewis, McColl, Partridge, sr., Williams, Fitzgerald.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

The following communications were received :

From D. G. McKenzie, Clerk of the County of Middlesex, asking that the Council appoint a committee to co-operate with a committee of the County Council with reference to the improvements to be made in the county jail.

Referred to the Finance Committee and Board of Works.

From James Egan of No. 7 Ward, in reference to the sidewalk over the bridge at Hyman's tannery, also the bad state of Richmond street from Great Market to Oxford street.

Ald. Christie moved, seconded by Ald. Lewis, that the City Engineer be authorized to attend to the matter at once.

Ald. Pritchard moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Henderson, that the matter be referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion.

The matter was referred to the Board of Works, with power.

From Mary Banks, East Simcoe street, asking for remission of taxes.

Referred to Finance and Relief Committee.

From Robt. Reid, North street, for exemption from statute labor tax.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

From James Dean, for reduction of assessment.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

From J. Dearness, Public School Inspector for West Middlesex, asking for the free use of the City Hall on the 9th and 10th of June next, for the meeting of the Teachers' Association. The communication stated that the Hon. Mr. Crooks would be present.

Request granted.

From T. R. Cathro and others, asking that a plank sidewalk be laid down on Maitland street, from Market to Pall Mall.

Referred to Board of Works.

From Mrs. Mary Mullaney, Market street, No 6 Ward, in reference to damages caused by the flooding of the creek, and threatening action in case the damage was not repaired.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

From H. V. Meredith, asking for part of the Victoria Park, to be used as a cricket ground. Referred to Park Committee.

The Mayor called the attention of the council to the fact that they had no solicitor, and suggested that one be appointed.

Ald. Pritchard had great pleasure in moving that Mr. W. R. Meredith be appointed. He felt convinced that no better man could be selected for the position. Mr. Meredith was thoroughly acquainted with the affairs of the city, and he thought that no opposition would be made to his appointment.

Ald. Murray seconded the resolution, which was carried.

Ald. Thompson called for the yeas and nays.

Yeas—Pritchard, Sutherland, Fitzgerald, Thompson, Murray, Jones, Ross, Henderson, Minhinnick, Brown, Rapley, Christie, Williams, McColl, Partridge, sr.

Nay—Ald. Lewis.

On motion Mr. Armstrong, Warden of Middlesex, addressed the Council in reference to the improvements done in the County Jail.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Finance Committee to report.

Ald. Sutherland, Chairman, submitted the following report of the Park Committee:

1st. We recommend to the Council the adoption of the scheme transferring to the Government the northeast block of the Victoria Park grounds, in lieu of Salter's Grove and the lot on North street, and that all the necessary buildings, according to agreement, be erected on the same, as arranged with the Government, in accordance with Order in Council passed on the 20th of April, 1876.

2nd. We ask the Council for an appropriation of $560, for the purpose of building and repairing the fence around the western block of the Park where required, and that the motion of the 21st of February last be rescinded.

3rd. We ask the Council to grant us the sum of $100, to be expended in planting trees on the Park grounds, and for guards to protect the same.

On motion of Ald. Lewis, seconded by Ald. Rapley, the report was committed, Ald. Jones in the chair.

First clause read.

Ald. Rapley asked that the agreement between the city and the Government be read.

The Order in Council, as follows, was read by the Clerk:

COPY OF A REPORT OF A COMMITTEE OF THE HONORABLE THE PRIVY COUNCIL, APPROVED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL, ON THE 20TH APRIL, 1876.

To the Honorable, the Minister of Militia and Defence:

On a memorandum dated 15th April, 1876, from the Hon. the Minister of Militia and Defence, stating that, having had under consideration a proposal made by His Worship the Mayor of the City of London, Ont., of the 10th April instant, with a view to certain alterations in the agreement provided by an Order in Council, dated 21st ultimo, he recommends that the above Order in Council be cancelled, and that the following be substituted in lieu thereof:

1. That the portion of ordnance property in the City of London, according to plan signed by Charles Walkem, and described within the margin edged red, marked "A. G.," with an area of about 12 acres, 3 roods, 1 perch, be surrendered to that city for use as a public park, together with that portion marked "D" in plan, with an area of 6 acres and 11 perches, for the purposes of erecting a Normal School building, if so desired.

2. The block of land marked "B" in plan and shaded red, containing about 8 acres, 28 perches, to be retained by the Government for the use of the Department of Militia and Defence.

3. The lot tinted yellow in plan, with an area of one acre, to be deeded to the Crown by the city of London for the extension of block "B," as laid down in the plan.

In consideration of the above the corporation of the City of London will erect the following buildings in such part of the Military Reserve, marked "B" in plan, as may be required, viz.:

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2. Stables for 70 horses, according to plans.

3. Cavalry storehouse of the same size as that now erected on the ordnance property, and with similar internal fittings.

4. Artillery gun shed, with harness room and storehouses.

5. Militia store buildings.

6. A magazine to be erected either within the city limit, on block "B," or on ground to be provided for by the corporation of the city of London, outside of the city limits, the site, plans, &c., to be approved of by the Department of Militia and Defence.

7. That in lieu of the site of the Northern Hotel being deeded to the Crown, and which was valued at $3,000 (three thousand dollars), this sum to be added to the amount to be expended on buildings.

8. Brick offices for the use of the Department of Militia and Defence, to be erected on the above mentioned block "B."

9. The cost of erecting the above mentioned buildings, at an estimate of not less than $21,600.

All legal expense, architects and other expenses necessary to carry out the above, to be paid by the corporation of the city of London, at whose expense, also, all the militia stores, arms and ammunition are to be removed to the new buildings when erected on block "B."

All the plans, specifications and particulars necessary to carry into execution the above agreement, to be subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, or of any department to be named by an order in council.

The committee submit the above recommendation for your Excellency's approval.

Certified, W. H. HIMSWORTH, C. P. C.

Clause passed.

Second and third clauses were read and passed.

Ald. Murray moved, seconded by Ald. Williams, that Mr. Robinson be instructed to proceed to Ottawa at once and make arrangements with the department there for the erection of the proposed buildings.

Motion carried.

Ald. Henderson moved that the sum of $40 be paid to Mr. Depper for damages sustained by a snow slide.

It was explained that the Board of Works had the matter under consideration.

Ald. Ross moved in accordance with notice of motion given at the last meeting, that the name of North street be changed to that of "Queen's Avenue."

The motion was carried after a slight discussion.

On motion of Ald. Brown permission was granted to the Hospital and Relief Committee to procure 20 tree guards.

Ald. Minhinnick moved, seconded by Ald. Brown, that a by-law be prepared prohibiting persons from posting bills, or painting advertisements on fences, trees, tree-guards, telegraph poles, hitching posts, or lamp posts within the city limits, or public buildings. Carried unanimously.

On motion, the Council adjourned until Monday, 15th May.

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The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

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From L. Lawrason, Police Magistrate, as follows:

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Ald. Fitzgerald moved that it receive a six months' hoist.

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whose taxes for 1875 remain unpaid, where the amount is $20 and upwards, said statement to be furnished by the next meeting of the Council. Carried.

Ald. Lewis stated that he had interviewed the City Solicitor in reference to the Jail repairs. He (Ald. Lewis) understood that the Mayor had given instructions to the City Engineer to co-operate with the County Engineer in the matter.

The Mayor—It is quite incorrect. I never gave the Engineer any instructions on the subject whatever.

Ald. Campbell moved, and it was seconded, that the Council adjourn for half an hour to give the Board of Works time to elect a new Chairman and report to-night. Lost.

Ald. Christie moved that the Council adjourn for one week, which, after some discussion, was carried.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 5th June, 1876.

The Council met this evening in the Council Chamber at the usual hour. Present—His Worship the Mayor in the chair, and the following aldermen :—Pritchard, McPhail, Skinner, Hiscox, Ross, Brown, Henderson, Rapley, Williams, Lewis, McColl, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr., Campbell, Thompson, Fitzgerald, Sutherland, Jones, Murray, Minhinnick and Christie.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

The following communications were received.

From C. Robb, asking for the free use of the City Hall and Exhibition Grounds, on the 12th of July next. Granted.

From J. T. Middlemore, offering the Council the sum of $1,000 for the 'Guthrie Home,' and 10 acres of land in connection therewith. Referred to Finance Committee.

From John Teale and eleven others, asking that all the Carters be compelled to locate on York street, and not perambulate through the city. The petition asked that the by-law be enforced or else repealed. Referred to the License Committee.

From J. T. Laurie, asking for the use of the Exhibition Grounds on the 1st of July, for an exhibition game of base ball. Granted.

From W. H. Rooks, appealing against assessment. Referred to the Court of Revision.

From J. S. Dignam, appealing against water tax. Referred to Finance Committee.

From James Bell and 22 other residents of No. 5 Ward, stating that the water in the wells on the property of petitioners had been polluted by the waste from the oil refineries. Referred to the Board of Works.

From John Cameron, asking for the free use of the City Hall on the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday, 21st and 22nd, for the Musical Union.

Ald. Rapley moved, seconded by Ald. Henderson, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that current expenses be charged.

Amendment lost, 6 for, 13 against. Motion carried.

From T. E. O'Callaghan and others, asking for two crossings on Ridout street Referred to Board of Works.

From John Stanfield and A. Efner, asking for the use of the Salter's Grove property, they pledging themselves to preserve the property from damage. Granted.

From E. A. Alexander, agent of W. W. Coles' Circus and Menagerie, asking that the license and ground rent be made $100. Granted.

From C. Chapman, account for book-binding, $50.40. Referred to the Finance and Printing Committee.

Ald. Brown submitted the report of the Hospital and Relief Committee as follows :

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the following accounts and find them correct, and therefore recommend them to the Finance Committee for payment. Amounting to $396.25, viz.:

May 31, 1876.– To Sundries Accounts:

T. & E. O'Callaghan (groceries)	$98.77
" " " (vegetables)	7.75
J. B. Smyth (bread)	32.67
Trebilcock (meat)	68.40
Mrs. Woodward (milk)	14.88
Servants' Wages	46.30
B. A. Mitchell (medicine)	19.91
Saunders, "	1.57
Noble & Greer (painting bulletin board)	3.00

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All of which is most respectfully submitted.

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Ald Christie moved, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that the report be taken up clause by clause.

Ald. McColl was called to the chair

The clause recommending the payment of the accounts was passed.

Ald. Jones moved in amendment to the report, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that the clause be struck out.

Ald. Ross moved, seconded by Ald. Rapley, that the clause be referred back to the committee for further consideration

The motion to strike out the clause was ther put and carried.

The committee rose and Council resumed.

Ald. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that the report be adopted as amended.

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Amendment lost. Motion carried.

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The report was adopted unanimously.

Ald. McPhail, Chairman, presented the following report from the above Board:

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gerous state of Richmond street, on either side of the railway track, north of Dundas street.

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THOS. BROWNE,
Chairman H. & R.

Ald Christie moved, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that the report be taken up clause by clause.

Ald. McColl was called to the chair.

The clause recommending the payment of the accounts was passed.

Ald. Jones moved in amendment to the report, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that the clause be struck out.

Ald. Ross moved, seconded by Ald. Rapley, that the clause be referred back to the committee for further consideration.

The motion to strike out the clause was ther put and carried.

The committee rose and Council resumed.

Ald. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that the report be adopted as amended.

Ald. Ross moved, seconded by Ald. Rapley, that the clause be referred back to the committee.

Amendment lost. Motion carried.

Ald. Williams submitted the following report of the Fire, Water and Gas Committee :

Your Committee recommend that the petition of Dean Boomer, for a gas lamp to be placed in front of the Chapter House, Piccadilly street, be granted. Also, that the petition of the Rev. C. J. Dobson, for a lamp to be placed in front of the P. M. Church, Hamilton Road, be granted, provided the congregation pay one-half the expenses of laying the pipe to the church gate.

A number of accounts amounting to $276.28, were also reported for payment.

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

Ald. Lewis submitted the following report of the Finance Committee :

Your Committee beg to report having examined the following accounts, and recommend payment of the same :

Hospital account for May	$328 75
Relief account	24 55
Police Station	7 19
Fire Department	241 28
Incidental expenses	47 66
M. D. Dawson & Co., printing	76 70
Wm. Williams, bill posting	7 00
J. M. Keary	40 00
	$773 13

Your Committee also have pleasure in reporting the sale, at 98⅝ cents on the dollar, of the new issue of 6 per cent. debentures ($219,000) to replace those maturing in September next. The purchasers are Messrs. A. T. McCord & Co., Toronto.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Jones, that the report be received and adopted.

The report was adopted unanimously.

Ald. McPhail, Chairman, presented the following report from the above Board:

1. That the City Clerk notify the Proof Line Road Company of the dangerous state of Richmond street, on either side of the railway track, north of Dundas street.

2. In reference to the communication from Mr. Essery, relative to damage to lot by water, owned by Mrs. Mulreany, on Great Market street, near Colborne street, the Street Commissioner and Engineer were instructed to attend to this at once, if deemed necessary.

3. Engineer and Chairman advertise for tenders, by posters or otherwise, for the necessary gravel for the streets ; also for such other material, etc., as may be required for repairing streets and sidewalks.

4. In reference to Col. Renwick's communication, action for the present is deferred, till Engineer find the level and report as to cost.

5. The Board recommend that Mr. Duffield be permitted to perform the grading on Colborne street, in No. 7 Ward, in the manner proposed by him, at his own expense; and that Mr. Duffield be allowed to use the moss on said street, between Victoria and Regent streets, for peat purposes, on consideration that he give a guarantee to the Council that he fills and grades the street with other materials, to the satisfaction of the City Engineer and Board of Works.

6. In reference to communication from Mr. Strathy, with reference to sidewalk —no action.

7. As to communication from McKenna to the chairman, action is deferred for the present.

8. Relative to communication from C. S. Corrigan, as to damages to H. Depper's cab, the Committee, rather than that the city should enter into a law suit, settled with Depper by the payment of $35, on the distinct understanding that the city did not recognize the slightest responsibility.

9. Mr. Mooring addressed the Board in reference to wooden pavement, and the thanks of the Board were tendered to that gentleman for his information.

10. In reference to the communication from Geo Taylor and others as to the drain on Horton street, between Richmond street and the river, action deferred until Engineer reports.

11. In reference to communication from A. E. Ashton, referred to Engineer to report.

12. Relative to communication of D. Glass and others, the Board recommend that the same be fyled.

13. In reference to communication from E. Adams and others, the Board recommend that the same be referred to the City Engineer to report.

14. The petition of Thomas McDonough was recommended to be fyled.

15. The communication from James Armstrong, Warden of the County of Middlesex, relative to alterations of gaol, was referred to City Solicitor.

16. The petition from Thomas R. Cathro and others for sidewalk. Action deferred.

17. Letter of J. Egan, about bridge, and sidewalk, and condition of Richmond street on either side of railway track—action deferred.

18. In reference to the necessary repairs for streets and sidewalks in the city, including gravel, the amount required, according to the approximate estimate of the city engineer, will be $6,636.50. The amount already expended in repairs of culverts, and letting off water, cleaning streets, etc., in connection with the Board of Works during the present year, $1,191.90. Contingencies not included in the foregoing report, $2,000.

Your committee further recommend that the sum of $10,000 be placed to the credit of the Board of Works, said sum to include the amount already expended during the present year.

Your committee further state that great credit is due to the street commissioner for the way in which he has used the street scrapings, inasmuch as the city has been benefitted to the extent of at least $300.

The following supplementary report of the Board of Works was also read :

1. That, relative to the petition of B. Jarman and others, for crossing on Richmond street, your Board referred the same to the City Engineer and Commissioner to report.

2. In reference to the petition of Geo. Chittick and others, for drain on corner of Piccadilly and Adelaide streets, the Engineer and Commissioner were instructed to attend to the matter at once, if deemed necessary.

3. In reference to the communication of the Police Magistrate, your Board recommended that action be deferred till

the cause of complaint is examined by the Engineer and Board of Works.

4. That the tender of William Anthistle and Michael Donoughue for gravel and stone be accepted, it being the lowest.

5. That the tender of Philip Connell for sidewalks be accepted, it being the lowest.

6 That the tender of Paul Phipps for culverts be accepted, it being the lowest.

7. That the tender of James Cowan for nails be accepted, it being the lowest.

8. That your Board ordered the Engineer to have the crossing asked for by E. Adams & Co. and others to be constructed as soon as possible.

The report was committed, Ald. Pritchard in the chair.

The various clauses were read.

Ald. Minhinnick moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the report of the Engineer, as to where the improvements are to be done, be read. Carried.

The report was read.

Ald. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Ald. Williams, that the report be referred back to the committee, to be printed and brought at the next meeting of the Council.

The Board of Works report to the 18th clause was passed.

On motion, of Ald. Lewis, the 4th rule of order was suspended.

The motion to refer back the report was carried.

The committee rose and reported, and the report was sustained by the council.

Ald. Sutherland, chairman, reported as follows:

Your Park Committee recommend that the following tenders for the erection of militia buildings (in brick) be accepted:

1st. Drill shed:

J. Bryan, for brick work	$3,300
J. Garner, for painting	142
A. Purdom, for carpenter work	2,900
	$6,342

2nd. Brick storehouse:

Geo. Elms & Sons	$3,100

3rd. Brigade office:

J. Bryan, brick work	$1,320
Thos. Green, carpenter work	1,150
R. S Henessy, painting	98
Henry Roots, plastering	250
	$2,818

4th. Care-taker's house:

Geo. Elms & Sons	$1,437

5th. Brick stables:

Overell & Broadbent	$4,175

7th. Magazine (removing and re-erecting the same):

Screaton & Gibson	$ 264
	$18,136

6th. Tenders for the erection of gun shed and cavalry store house, in wood only were received, which the committee do not recommend to be accepted, as the whole of the buildings can be erected in brick for a sum under $21,000

Your Committee also ask the Council to allow them to ask for tenders in brick for the Gun Shed, and that the Committee be empowered to let the contract without bringing the matter again before the Council. Your Committee, in examining the tenders in wood and brick, found the difference so small — about $2,000—that they recommend that all the buildings be erected of brick.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. D. SUTHERLAND,
Chairman Park Committee.

Ald. Lewis moved, seconded by Ald. Jones, that all the buildings be completed and handed over to the city by the 1st October, 1876. Carried.

On motion the report was received and adopted unanimously.

The by-law to authorize the issue of $217,489 in debentures to redeem debentures maturing, was introduced by Ald. Lewis, read three times and passed.

At 11.55 the Council adjourned for one week.

CITY IMPROVEMENTS, 1876.

Approximate Estimate of Cost.

The following approximate estimate of street improvements required to be done throughout the city during the summer months has been made by Messrs. W. Robinson and W. Owen; City Engineer and Street Commissioner, respectively:

Repairs on Kent street, near Talbot, filling holes, $2.

New culvert on John street, and north on Talbot street, including filling up street and culvert across, $50.

Repairs on John and sidewalk on south side, $50.

Filling ruts on Talbot and opening ditch, $10.

Fill up hollow on west side Oxford so as to drain to river, $15.

Opening up ditch on south Oxford, west of Talbot, $25.

Two culverts on Talbot across Mount Pleasant, $10.

Grade corner Talbot and St. James street, $10.

Crossing on Oxford and George, culvert over ditch, and a crossing across Oxford, $20.

Gravel sidewalk on north side of St. James, between Maitland and William, $25.

Open ditch from corner Waterloo and Regent east to Colborne, north side, $15.

Grade sidewalk on west side Waterloo, from Victoria to Regent, $20.

Grade over culvert at William and Regent, $10.

Repair culvert at Grant's, near William and Huron, $10.

Dig ditches on both sides Adelaide at Tackabury's lot, and where required fill up ruts, $20.

Gravel crossing on north side Piccadilly, across Wellington, and two small culverts, $12.

Construct crossing across west side of Wellington street, and small culverts, $15.

Build viaduct at Lake Horn Creek, and build culvert and raise bridge at corner Richmond and Mill streets, $150.

Fill gully on Great Market street, opposite Exhibition Grounds, $20.

Fill up at corner of Duke and Waterloo, and put in box culverts under sidewalk. $25.

Construct culvert at corner Duke and Picton, $5.

Construct culvert across Duke, on west side Wellington, $30

Construct two culverts across Duke, at corner Clarence, $50

Grade sidewalk on west side Picton, $20.

Grade sidewalk on west side Wellington street, south from Duke to Queen's avenue, $25.

Repairs at corner Queen's avenue and Clarence, $5.

Six posts at corner Custom House, $3.

Some repairs required to be done at Hunt's Bridge, either by corporation or by some individual—no cost mentioned.

Timber pier to protect bank west of Gas Works, $250

Fix crossings at Hunt's Bridge, $3

Remove impediment to flow of water at corner of Horton and Talbot streets, $1.

Fences and turn stiles on bank of river between Richmond and Grey streets, $22

Fill up Clark's Bridge, east side, $10.

Crossing from South street to river along east side of Richmond street, $200.

Culvert across Waterloo, north side of South street, $15.

Ditch along north side Hill, and north west side of Waterloo, $10.

Clean out ditch on south side Grey, between Waterloo and Wellington, $12.

Ditch along by H. C. Green's, to take water from corner Duke down north, and fill up in front of Anderson's, $40.

Grade from Duke to north of Bond, to slope off the hill and culverts across Bond, etc., $25.

Ditch along east side Salter's street, from Duke to Bond, and east to William, and level back, $45

Culvert across William, north side Bond, $30.

Clean ditch and put down culvert by T. Shea's, on each side of William, $150.

Extend box drain on west side Colborne, opposite Tierney's to creek south, $100

Repair and raise bridge and grade sidewalk by bridge east side Maitland street, $15.

Fill up at soutwest corner Maitland at Market street, $10.

Construct crossing across Colborne, south side Great Market, and culvert at the sidewalk on west side of Colborne, $17.

Construct crossing across Waterloo on north side of Great Market street, $15.

Construct culvert on west side Waterloo, between Great Market and present culvert, $75.

Build crossing across Dundas street, opposite Adams' store, $40.

Gravel crossing on Carling, in front of Atkinson's and Birrell's, $10.

Cut down hill on Regent, west of Richmond, $20.

Cut down hill on Regent, near Twohey's, $7.

Open ditches on Victoria, west of Talbot, $12.

Fill up bad places on George, near Victoria, $6.

Gravel sidewalk on College avenue and south side of Sydenham, between Richmond and George, $30.

Gravel sidewalk north side of Oxford, between Richmond and George, $25.

Crossing of cinders and gravel across Talbot, north side of Kent, $10.

Culvert across Raglan, south side of John street, $8.

Repair corner Cheapside and Adelaide, north of brickyard, and put culvert under the road, $5.

Repair the corner of the third street south of the brickyard, west side of Adelaide street, 50 cents.

Repair crossing on Dundas street, south side of Waterloo street, and fill up low places, $5.

Lower ditch corner of Waterloo street, south side, around towards York street, $5.

Repair crossing on York and Waterloo streets, $5.

Clean out ditches on both sides of Simcoe street, $20.

And on Grey street, $16.

Culvert on Waterloo street, paid ditches cleaned, $3.

Repair South street, between Waterloo and Wellington streets, $40.

Drain on Wellington street, east side, between the river and South street, and some distance north of south side, $300.

Clark's Bridge tightened up, $10.

Fill up on the west side of Wellington street, $20.

Grade sidewalk on Grey street, between Colborne and Richmond, south side, $10.

Grade Hill street, between Clarence and Wellington streets, $50.

Construct a gravel crossing on Simcoe and Richmond streets, $10.

Culvert near Simcoe and Clarence streets, and ditch cleaned, $15.

Ditch on Horton street, between Clarence and Wellington streets, north side, $8.

Ditches on Clarence street, between railroad and Dundas street, $20.

Grade and repair holes on Horton street, and open grating on corner King and Wellington streets, $5.

Clear out ditch on the west side of Adelaide street, south of Hamilton Road, $10.

The gravel crossings across streets west of Adelaide street and small culverts, $30.

Open up ditch on South street, north side, from William to Adelaide streets, $10.

Crossing on the north side of South street, over William, $5.

Grade ditch south of South street, east side of William, $5.

Construct a crossing across William street, north side of Hill, $5.

Clear out ditch by Winnett's lumber yard, on William street, north from the Hamilton Road, to Horton street, and fill up south of Hamilton Road, $40.

Construct a culvert across William street, south of G. T. R., $15.

Provide for taking off water from Dundas street, near William, $15.

Construct two crossings on Dundas and Adelaide streets, $10.

Grade sidewalk on west side of Adelaide street and clean out ditch south of Dundas street, $20.

Construct a crossing across Adelaide street, north side of York, $10.

Grade for sidewalk and ditch between William and Adelaide streets, south side of King, $20.

Construct two crossings across York street, on William, $10.

Grade ditch between William and Maitland streets, south side of York, $10.

Street on south side of King street, $30.

Dress up sidewalk between Dundas and York streets, east side of Maitland, and lay down screened gravel, $20.

Grade sidewalk on east side of Colborne street, north of King, $5.

Construct a crossing on Bathurst street, west side of Colborne, $5.

Construct a gravel sidewalk between Colborne and Waterloo streets, north side of Simcoe and across Colborne, and continue past Colborne street twelve rods, $20.

Grade sidewalk on west side of Waterloo street south, and a crossing across same street, $40.

Grade sidewalk on east of Waterloo street, between Grey and Hill, $10.

Crossing on south side of Grey street, across Waterloo, $8.

Fix gratings at various places, and corner of Horton and Clarence streets, $15.

Construct a culvert on south side of Horton street, between Richmond and Talbot, $150.

Construct a new culvert east of Mr. D. Lester's, north side of York street, $35.

Construct culvert east of new hospital, one block west of Colborne street (the bank is steep, and is continually falling in), $120.

Repairs to sidewalks on York street, in No. 3 Ward, $50.

Construct drain on Wellington street, from Oxford to Piccadilly, $96.

Total, $3,236.50.

The Engineer and Commissioner would suggest the following expenditure:

To gravelling (a thin coat) on the following streets, viz.:

King street,	3	blocks	$150 00
York "	8	"	400 00
Horton "	7	"	350 00
Hamilton Road,	6	blocks	300 00
North street,	7	blocks	350 00
Duke "	3	"	150 00
Talbot "	8	"	400 00
Clarence "	5	"	250 00
Wellington street,	4	blocks (west side)	200 00
Waterloo street,	8	blocks	400 00
Colborne "	8	"	400 00
Regent "	1	"	50 00
			$6,636 50

To amount certified for at repairs, culverts, letting off water, cleaning streets, etc., in connection with the Board of Works during the present year, $1,191.90.

To contingencies that may require attention, not included in the foregoing statement, $2,000.

Total, $9,827.40.